

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

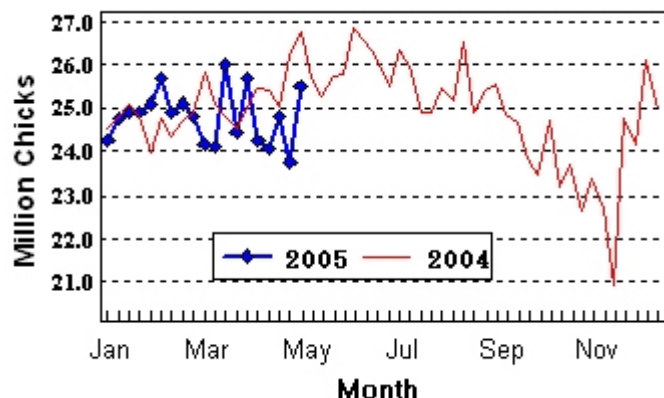
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.5 million during the week ending May 7, 2005. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 7 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through May 7, 2005 were 471.4 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84.0 percent.

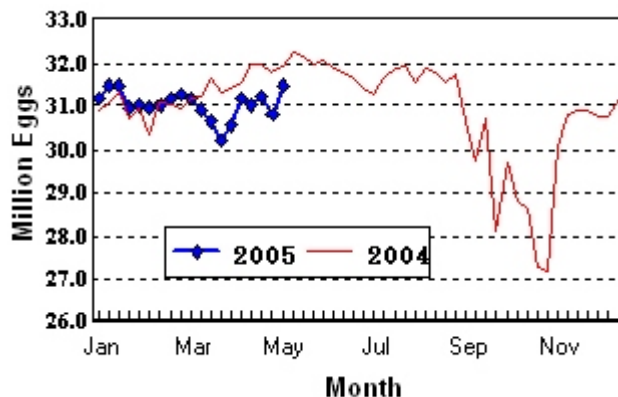
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 7, 2005, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 2	24,998	25,689	103	25,848	26,122	101	31,453	30,537	97
Apr. 9	25,450	24,245	95	26,033	25,690	99	31,533	31,153	99
Apr. 16	25,379	24,090	95	25,899	25,330	98	31,979	30,997	97
Apr. 23	25,051	24,829	99	26,014	25,451	98	32,020	31,203	97
Apr. 30	26,189	23,759	91	26,122	25,978	99	31,803	30,826	97
May 7	26,708	25,505	96	26,377	26,046	99	31,961	31,488	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May		02-Apr	09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	
Alabama	31,020 *	30,310	31,577	31,405	103	21,408	21,769	21,842	22,081	22,253	21,625	98
ARKANSAS	30,997 *	31,203	30,826	31,488	99	25,689	24,245	24,090	24,829 *	23,759 *	25,505	95
Delaware	3,902	4,044	3,786	3,956	106	4,962	6,033	5,788	5,557	5,681	5,192	111
Florida	1,344	1,354	1,342	1,344	98	1,560	1,699	1,488	1,504	1,616	1,363	89
Georgia	33,573	33,448	33,214 *	32,539	99	27,362	27,006	26,971	25,781 *	27,183 *	28,445	107
Kentucky	7,263	6,704 *	6,869 *	7,357	105	6,051	5,517	6,096	6,446 *	6,348 *	5,719	89
Louisiana	4,165	4,165	4,041	4,102	102	3,834	3,871	3,653	3,605	3,954	3,934	97
Maryland	8,884	8,981	8,876	8,869	100	5,763	5,207	4,988	5,212	5,762	5,907	104
Mississippi	18,524	18,886	18,780	18,947	98	17,641	17,940	17,960	17,749 *	17,421 *	17,014	100
N. Carolina	18,877 *	19,058	19,124 *	18,753	100	15,148	15,361	15,174	15,381	15,302	15,624	103
Idaho	6,507	6,649	6,265	6,102	93	5,164	5,362	5,075	4,425	5,933	5,520	117
Pennsylvania	4,148	4,003 *	4,108 *	4,114	105	3,106	3,047	2,975	3,053 *	3,118 *	3,073	106
S. Carolina	5,205	5,010	5,192	4,983	133	4,232	4,512	4,602	4,271	4,544	3,572	82
Texas	15,486 *	15,542 *	15,527 *	15,553	101	12,885	12,930 *	12,917 *	13,231 *	13,141 *	13,070	102
Virginia	6,515	6,602	6,677	6,495	98	5,320	5,364	5,676	5,353	4,999	5,144	98
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,771	17,853 *	18,193 *	18,196	100	16,546	16,912	17,874	16,983 *	18,490 *	16,733	103
Total 2005	215,181 *	213,812 *	214,397 *	214,203		176,671	176,775 *	177,169 *	175,461 *	179,504 *	177,440	
Total 2004	214,388	213,217	212,646	212,957		172,652	172,145	173,941	173,669	174,862	176,351	
%Prev. Year	100	100	101	101		102	103	102	101	103	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						21-May	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending May 7, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 7, 2005 were 3.16 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.